

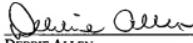
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In re Application of:
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON AUGUST 11, 2008

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 11, 2008 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 11 of this paper.